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SUBJ: US, UK, FRENCH, ITALIAN AND GDR STATEMENTS AT IAEA
GENERAL CONFERENCE

1. U.S. DELEGATE FRI DELIVERED U.S. STATEMENT AT
OPENING OF GENERAL DEBATE ON MONDAY AFTERNOON,
SEPTEMBER 26. HE PAID TRIBUTE TO AGENCY ON ITS
TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY, AND HIGHLIGHTED AGENCY'S
ACHIEVEMENTS DURING THIS PERIOD, INCLUDING
PARTICULARLY DEVELOPMENT OF SAFEGUARDS PROGRAM. IN
LOOKING TO FUTURE, HE REFERRED TO RECENT U.S. NUCLEAR
POLICY DECISIONS RELATING TO NON-PROLIFERATION, AND
POINTED TO INCREASING SUPPORT IN MANY COUNTRIES FOR
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POLITICAL AND TECHNICAL OBJECTIVES, RECOGNIZING
DIFFERENT NATIONAL PERSPECTIVES ON NEED AND
STRATEGIES FOR NUCLEAR POWER. INDICATED BROAD
INTEREST FOR U.S.- SPONSORED INTERNATIONAL NUCLEAR
FUEL CYCLE EVALUATION (INFCE), AND HOPED IAEA
WILL PLAY SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN PROGRAM. CALLED
FOR IAEA TO SERVE, AS ITS THIRD DECADE BEGINS, AS

FULCRUM FOR NEW ERA OF HARMONY AMONG NATIONS IN ADDRESSING TWIN CHALLENGES OF ENERGY SHORTAGES ON ONE HAND AND NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION ON OTHER.

2. FRENCH DELEGATE GOLDSCHMIDT POINTED TO IMPORTANCE OF ATOMIC POWER IN MEETING ENERGY GOALS, AND DECLARED FRANCE PLANS TO COOPERATE WITH OTHERS IN THIS ENDEAVOR. REFERRED TO 1977 AS YEAR OF QUESTIONING THE ROLE ATOMIC POWER CAN PLAY IN MEETING WORLD ENERGY NEEDS, THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF AGREEMENTS FOR COOPERATION, TECHNICAL ASSUMPTIONS OF EXISTING NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLES, INCLUDING REPROCESSING AND USE OF PLUTONIUM AS FUEL, CONFIDENCE IN THE IAEA'S SAFEGUARDS, AND POLITICAL CONDITIONS RELATING TO INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION. VIGOROUSLY DEFENDED BREEDER REACTORS AS NECESSARY TO EXTEND FUEL RESOURCES. HE RECOGNIZED DANGERS OF SEPARATED PLUTONIUM AND FAVORED DEVELOPMENT OF METHODS TO LIMIT DISTRIBUTION COMENSURATE WITH NEED, AND SUPPORTED LIMITATION OF NUMBER OF REPROCESSING PLANTS AND GIVING THEM MULTINATIONAL CHARACTER. ADVOCATED IAEA CONTROL OF STORAGE OF PLUTONIUM WHEN NOT IN USE, AND DEVISING PROLIFERATION RESISTANT METHODS OF TRANSPORT. SAID VALUE OF INFCE WILL BE TO BRING DCS AND LDCS TOGETHER TO STUDY TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF NON-PROLIFERATION, NOTING FRANCE WILL PARTICIPATE. STATED THAT DURING INFCE STUDY, NO

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DECISIONS AFFECTING NUCLEAR PROGRAMS NOW UNDER WAY SHOULD BE TAKEN. NOTED FRANCE HAS ACCEPTED IAEA SAFEGUARDS FOR SEVERAL YEARS ON SOME MATERIAL RE-PROCESSED AT LA HAGUE, AND WILL SHORTLY ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH EURATOM AND IAEA FOR IAEA VERIFICATION, IN CERTAIN CASES, OF SAFEGUARDS EXERCISED BY EURATOM IN FRANCE.

3. UK DELEGATE HILL SAID NPT MUST CONTINUE TO BE CORNERSTONE OF EFFORTS TO CONTROL PROLIFERATION. GAVE CREDIT TO PRESIDENT CARTER'S APRIL 7 NON-PROLIFERATION POLICY STATEMENT FOR FOSTERING FULL AWARENESS OF URGENCY WITH WHICH PROBLEMS OF NON-PROLIFERATION MUST BE TACKLED. REFERRED TO LONDON ECONOMIC SUMMIT STATEMENT IN MAY ON NEED TO INCREASE NUCLEAR ENERGY TO HELP MEET WORLD'S ENERGY

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REQUIREMENTS, WILE REDUCING RISKS OF PROLIFERATION.
SUPPORTS INFCE AND NOTED UK WILL PLAY FULL PART IN
PROGRAM. CALLED FOR MEANINGFUL ROLE OF IAEA IN
STUDIES. STATED, HOWEVER, THERE IS NO SIMPLE
TECHNICAL SOLUTION TO PROBLEM OF PROLIFERATION,
ALTHOUGH INFCE WILL HELP CLARIFY MOST EFFECTIVE
TECHNICAL APPROACHES. SUPPORTED STRATEGY OF
PLACING MOST SENSITIVE TECHNOLOGIES AND MATERIALS
UNDER MOST STRINGENT CONTROLS, AND REAFFIRMED
SUPPORT OF, AND COMMITMENT TO STRENGTHENING IAEA
SAFEGUARDS. ALSO STRESSED NEED TO REMOVE INCENTIVES
TO ACQUIRE NUCLEAR WEAPONS THROUGH SERIOUS PRUSUIT
OF DETENTE AND BALANCED MEASURES OF DISARMAMENT.

4. ITALIAN DELEGATE CLEMENTEL CALLED FOR BROAD
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INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE OF NUCLEAR ENERGY INFORMATION,
AND LAID STRESS ON IAEA SAFEGUARDS FOR ENSURING NON-
PROLIFERATION. EXPRESSED VIEW THAT NPT ONLY A
STAGE TOWARD GENERAL DISARMAMENT, NOTING THAT NOT
ENOUGH HAS BEEN DONE IN THIS REGARD UNDER ARTICLE VI

OF THE NPT. SAID ITALY READY TO COOPERATE AS FAR
AS POSSIBLE TO IMPLEMENT ARTICLE IV OF TREATY. STATED
BELIEF IN USING PNES FOR CERTAIN APPLICATIONS, AND
CALLED FOR FURTHER IMMEDIATE STUDIES BY THE IAEA'S
AD HOC COMMITTEE ON PNES, LOOKING FORWARD FULL
IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE V OF NPT.

5. GDR DELEGATE SUPPORTED NPT, IAEA SAFEGUARDS,
DETENTE, AND AGENCY'S PROGRAMS IN SUPPORT OF
NUCLEAR ENERGY. SMITH

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